

## THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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Will they permit just common water to flow in that \$500,000,000 Panama canal?

Happy is the frugal citizen who manages to make his interest money pay his taxes.

Chicago has sounded the doom of the large hat, but getting rid of it is another matter.

Every once in a while Carnegie takes a few hours off from golf to think up something new.

Brooklyn church is to be made sound proof, at great expense. Congregation must get some sleep some way.

Aeroplanes are only \$5,000 apiece now but they will be going up next spring, according to the printed directions.

Shoe dealers threaten to print the real sizes on women's shoes. It would be a brave move, but what would be the use?

A Connecticut farmer boasts a hen that will say "hello," but in these days it is deeds, not words, that man wants from hens.

A cable from London says the queen opens and reads all of King Edward's letters. What does it avail a man to be a king?

A Baltimore paper says San Francisco is worse than Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh hastens to regard this as a vindication.

Mark Twain has incorporated himself into a company, but it is not thought that he will ever be prosecuted as a trust.

Blind bees make the best honey. That's what one of these modern scientists hands us. Catch your bees and put their eyes out.

Being married by "ethical rites" is one of the new forms. Warranted to be just as good, and saves a lot of trouble and fussing.

New York has only ten millionaires, according to the official tax figures. The rest of New York's millionaires are altogether too modest.

French courts have decided that the princess de Sagan is fit to raise her children. This is likely to lower her in the estimation of her present husband.

The United States will have two 25,000 ton battleships. We may expect any day now to hear that England is going to build a few 30,000-ton ships.

Twenty-eight Wright aeroplanes having been sold in France for delivery next March, there ought to be money in the aeroplane repair business about April 1.

Uncle Sam is trying to get back 20,000 acres of coal lands alleged to have been taken fraudulently from him in Utah. Uncle is getting good and tired of being an easy mark.

There is to be an advance in the price of brooms, but we are glad to be able to say that the carpet sweeper trust has not decided that it needs more money at this time.

Chicago is to have a "psychic rest room," where worries may be laid aside. If it proves a success we look for anxious inquiries from a number of eminent persons now in Washington.

Because he stole eight cents, an Oakland (Cal.) man has been sentenced to the penitentiary for eight years. An important fact in connection with the case is that he has been put in prison.

There is more merit in the opinion of the Colorado secretary of the bureau of child and animal protection that parents of bad children should be punished for the misconduct of their offspring than one would suppose at first thought. If the state had the power to bring parents to the bar of justice when their children went wrong, declares the Brooklyn Standard-Union, there would perhaps be a more determined effort to see that boys and girls lived in accordance with the ideals of civilization.

Turkey has left her mark on Russia, on Greece, on Serbia, on Hungary, on Italy, on Spain, on the northern part of Africa and all of Egypt, on great stretches of Asia, and even the Mohammedans of the Philippine archipelago who salute the Stars and Stripes look to the sultan as their real head. Her armies, says the Detroit News-Tribune, have threatened most of the capitals of Europe, just as her diplomacy has done in latter years, and though she is now one of the weakest powers she holds in her cunning hand the keys to the situation.

## DR. ANGELL QUILTS ANN ARBOR.

Venerable Head of Michigan University Resigns.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Dr. James Burrill Angell Wednesday submitted his resignation of the presidency of the University of Michigan to take effect next June and the board of regents created the office of chancellor and offered it to Dr. Angell at a salary of \$4,000 a year together with the continued use of the president's mansion on the campus.

Dr. Angell, who on January 7 last celebrated his eightieth birthday, has directed the phenomenal growth of the university since 1871 when he came to its presidency from the presidency of the University of Vermont. The University of Michigan then had 1,110 students, while to-day the attendance has reached 4,780.

## CHICAGO HOTEL MYSTERY.

Young Woman Found Bound and Unconscious in Bath Room.

Chicago.—One of the most mysterious cases with which the Chicago police have had to deal in many years developed in the Wellington hotel, a standard downtown hostelry, Wednesday when the unconscious form of Miss Ella Gingles was found lashed to the supports of a bathtub. Whether she was the victim of a plot, as she incoherently alleged in her few conscious moments, or chose fantastic means, including suicide, to retaliate upon a woman whom she believed to have been her enemy, formed a mystery which the police set about to solve.

## Lost Earthquake Located.

Teheran, Persia.—News was received here Wednesday showing that the violent earthquake recorded January 23 at almost every scientific observatory in the world where seismographs are installed, had its location in the province of Luristan, Western Persia. Sixty villages in this district were wholly or partly destroyed, and the resultant loss of life is placed between 5,000 and 6,000.

## Knocks the Knockers.

Washington, D. C.—Any attack made hereafter on the lock type of the Panama canal, according to the opinion expressed by President Roosevelt in a message transmitting to congress Wednesday the report made by the engineers who recently visited the canal zone with President-elect Taft, is in reality merely an attack upon the policy of building any canal at all.

## Tariff Convention Adjourns.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The work of the National Tariff conference convention was nearly completed at a night session after adopting resolutions seeking the creation of a permanent tariff commission and providing for a permanent organization to carry on the work of the convention. After the morning session Thursday the convention adjourned.

## An Indian Warrior Dead.

Lawton, Okla.—Geronimo, fighting leader of the Apaches, prisoner of war and last of the unsubdued braves, died at Fort Sill military reservation Wednesday of pneumonia. After many battles that left him unscarred and a life on the bleak prairies where hardships were the rule, Geronimo succumbed after three days of illness.

## The Yankton Has Arrived.

Fort Monroe, Va.—A messenger from the home-coming battleship fleet, the yacht-like tender Yankton, put in here Wednesday and began to take on a full supply of coal preparatory to proceeding to Washington in response to a wireless summons picked up as the trim little craft was passing in the Virginia Capes.

## Must Answer for Libel.

Washington, D. C.—Bench warrants were issued Wednesday for the arrest of Joseph Pulitzer, Caleb M. Van Ham and Robert H. Lyman of New York, proprietor and editors of the New York World, and for Delevan Smith and Charles R. Williams, owners of the Indianapolis News for criminal libel in connection with the publication of charges of irregularities in the purchase by the United States government of the Panama canal property from the French owners. The indictments were returned Wednesday by the United States grand jury sitting in this city.

## Verdict in Carr Case.

Marion, Kansas.—The jury in the W. T. Carr murder case returned a verdict of murder in the second degree Wednesday morning after having been out five hours. Carr's crime was the murder of C. A. Bailey, a Santa Fe express messenger, and a friend who had taken him into his car so that he might ride to Newton in the spring of 1908.

## THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE

WHAT THE LAWMAKERS ARE DOING IN JEFFERSON CITY.

Senators And Representatives Are Busily Engaged in Making New Laws.

Jefferson City.—Representative Barker has introduced in the house a bill appropriating \$1,000 for each county fair association in the state that has been in existence more than five years. There are bills now pending that provide for authorizing county courts to appropriate like amounts to fairs in their own counties. It is a new line of legislation in Missouri, a sort of advertising of Missouri products in line with Gov. Hadley's declaration that a good press agent is what Missouri most needs now.

A bill to regulate the charges of express companies will be offered in both houses this week. Senator McDavid of Springfield is preparing one of the bills. The Springfield members have pending in both houses now bills giving cities of more than 20,000 people power to compel express companies to deliver packages to all points in such cities. It grew out of abuses where there is little or no competition.

Among the other bills introduced are the following:

By Sliger, exempting dwelling house mutual insurance companies from the provisions of chapter 119, Revised Statutes.

By Tinsman, requiring that the board of health be composed of five physicians, who shall have been residents of the state five years, and that there be no discrimination against any school of medicine.

By Trieseler, declaring fraternal beneficiary associations to be voluntary associations, formed for the sole benefit of their members, and not for profit, and permitting them to do business on a legal reserve basis.

Senator Hudson has introduced a bill to provide for three commissioners to relieve the overcrowded docket of the supreme court.

The senate has confirmed the following appointments: Columbus L. Whittier of Fredericktown, member board of managers state bureau of geology and mines; Thomas L. Rubey, Lebanon, and E. E. McJimsey, Springfield, members of the board of regents for Springfield normal; Moses Whybark, Marble Hill, member board of regents for Cape Girardeau normal; John C. McKinley, member board of regents Kirksville normal.

## TO STOP SOCIAL DRINKING.

A New House Bill Would Abolish Saloon Bars.

Jefferson City.—To stop social drinking of liquor is the purpose of a bill introduced in the house by Representative Johnson of Vernon county Monday afternoon. The bill provides for licensing retail liquor dealers on the basis of \$100 every six months for the county and \$50 every six months for the state. Dramshops, as they are known now, are to be abolished entirely and the retail liquor dealer is to be authorized to sell liquor, but he must not permit anyone to drink on the premises.

He must not sell more than ten gallons to one purchaser, nor can he sell less than one-half pint of spirituous liquors or one pint of vinous or malt liquors to one purchaser. The trade must be in bottled goods exclusively and no one is to be permitted to loiter in a drinking place or have seats, music or other entertainment at such places.

## A Road Tax Bill Opposed.

Jefferson.—The Kansas City Commercial club is to make a fight on senate bill No. 13 to levy a tax of \$1 on each \$1,000 capital and surplus of corporations, the proceeds to go into the good roads fund. A committee composed of Hale H. Cook, chairman of the municipal legislation committee; E. M. Clendenen, secretary, and one other yet to be selected, went to Jefferson City Wednesday to appear before the committee at a hearing of the bill. Similar committees from St. Joseph and St. Louis will join with the Commercial club in opposing the bill.

## A Legislator Ill.

Jefferson City.—Representative Henderson L. Ward of Holt county is quite ill at St. Mary's hospital, this city, of pneumonia. Ward has been sent to his family concerning his alarming condition. Mr. Ward fell ill immediately following the election of United States senator January 19. At no time since he was taken ill has he been able to leave the hospital.

## LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP.

New Bills Being Introduced at Jefferson City.

Jefferson City.—Two bills in the interest of better study of farming were introduced in the senate Wednesday morning. One is by Gardner and requires that all applicants for certificates to teach in the schools of the state must pass an examination in elementary agriculture and be prepared to teach that subject. The other bill, by Senator Grimes, provides that the state board of agriculture may employ dairy experts and send them through the state to teach and lecture on practical dairy work at farmers' institutes and county meetings of farmers.

Wahlbrink of St. Louis city offered a bill Wednesday to make it unlawful to sell or give away rectified whiskey and would have anyone who did so fined \$1,000 or serve one year behind the bars in the county jail or impose both penalties.

Foristel of St. Louis would absolve banks, trust companies, savings banks or safety deposit companies from all liabilities where two or more persons have access to the same safety box and one of them removes the contents of the box after the death of another joint holder of the box.

Anderson of St. Louis has a bill providing that suicide shall be no defense for insurance companies having anti-suicide clauses in policies, unless it can be established that the holder of the policy contemplated self destruction at the time of the taking out of the policy.

After a marvelous exhibition of footwork, ducking, blocking and countering, compulsory county school supervision was awarded the decision Wednesday afternoon over its opponents.

An amendment by Kyle of Ozark, permitting holders of first grade certificates instead of state life certificates to qualify as supervisors also passed.

An amendment by Conrad of New Madrid, calling for the state to appropriate \$400 a year to each county, also passed. As the salaries in the counties vary with the population, the Conrad amendment aids those counties which make the plea that they are too poor to pay the salaries.

## APPOINTMENTS BY HADLEY.

The Senate Referred Nominations by the Governor to a Committee.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Hadley has sent the following appointments to the senate for confirmation and each was referred to a committee.

John Kennish of Mound City, Holt county, state superintendent of insurance, four years from March 1, 1909. This appointment was announced by the governor some time ago.

David W. Hill of Poplar Bluff, member of the board of regents of the Cape Girardeau state normal, vice E. P. Carothers, six years from January 1, 1909.

W. F. Chamberlain of Hannibal, member of the board of regents of Lincoln institute, vice Hugh J. Rea, six years from January 1, 1909.

Charles F. Vogel of St. Louis, member of the board of managers of the federal home at St. James, vice Henry E. Warren, four years from February 4, 1909.

Dr. G. E. Grimm of Kirksville, member of the board of regents of the Kirksville state normal, vice Dr. J. A. Goben, six years from January 1, 1909.

J. J. Newcomb of Fulton, member of the board of managers of the state institution for deaf and dumb in Fulton, vice J. H. Powers, four years from February 4, 1909.

F. W. Niedemeyer of Columbia, member of the board of managers of the state institution for deaf and dumb, vice W. H. Kavanaugh, four years from February 4, 1909.

William M. Tolman of Lexington, member of the board of managers of the state institution for deaf and dumb, vice William R. Painter, four years from February 1, 1909.

A Special Message. Jefferson City.—Gov. Herbert S. Hadley sent a special message to the legislature Tuesday, urging the enactment of a law to enable members of the faculty at Columbia to take advantage of the Carnegie superannuated teachers' fund.

Women Lobbyist Signs Up. Jefferson City, Mo.—Miss Charlotte B. Forrester signed the lobbyist register Tuesday as a legislative agent. She was the first woman to do so. Miss Forrester says that her business with the legislature will be to urge the enactment of a law providing for a state board of examiners to pass upon the qualifications of nurses and for the regulation thereof. She is president of the Missouri State Nurse's association.

## BIG OPPORTUNITIES

FOR THE YOUNG MAN AND YOUNG WOMAN OF TODAY

TELEGRAPHY  
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Offer Brilliant Possibilities for Advancement and High Salaries

Hundreds of thousands of bright young men and young women are today arriving at that age when they become interested in their future—in their prospects for a successful career, with the ability on their parts to earn good salaries, be independent, and amount to something in the world, and for these young persons there are many professions and semi-professional occupations which offer golden avenues to important and high-salaried positions. Among these professions are Telegraphy, Book-keeping, Shorthand, etc.

Take, for instance, the telegrapher—probably every president of a great railroad, today, secured his start as a telegrapher—working his way up by careful attention to his duties, and by grasping his opportunities and making the most of them. Then take the profession of book-keeping—nearly every head of a great mercantile or financial institution of today began life either in that institution, or in some other, as a book-keeper. And what is true of the profession of book-keeping is equally true of that of stenography.

What these other young men and young women have done, any young man or young woman can do—if they will. All that is necessary is a few dollars invested in a correspondence course, in one or the other of these studies—the devoting of a few spare moments now and then (which would otherwise be wasted) to the study selected—and a determination to learn, and to succeed. Among those educational institutions which today instruct young men and young women (as well as persons of all ages) by correspondence, in the person's own home, one of the most prominent and best known is the Michigan Business Institute, at Kalamazoo, Michigan, which has, during the past twelve or fifteen years, graduated many hundreds of young men and young women, in each of the lines of professional work above referred to.

This famous Educational Institution of Michigan is at all times glad to answer inquiries from young men and young women (or others) who feel that they would like to take up any one of these studies, in their own homes, at small expense—and a letter addressed to E. P. Sumption, President, Michigan Business Institute, 747 Inst. Bldg., Kalamazoo, Mich., will receive prompt and courteous attention.

It may be well to add, also, that in taking up a Course of Study with this institution, the student is not required to pay anything at all for the tuition until he or she has graduated and has secured a satisfactory position, on salary. This arrangement is so generous a one that no person desiring to perfect themselves in a good-paying profession can afford to neglect taking advantage of it.

## Easy Come, Easy Go.

A passerby at Broad and Lombard streets in Philadelphia once heard the following dialogue between a laborer who was digging in a sewer and a stout, beaming lady with a capacious market basket on her arm:

"Ah, good mornin' to you, Pat," said she leaning over and looking into the pit. "And what are you doin'?" "Good mornin', Bridget," he replied, looking up. "I'm a-earnin' alimony for yees. And what are you doin'?" "Sure, I'm a-spendin' it," replied Bridget airily, as she trotted off.—Lippincott's.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

## Her Extreme Goodness.

The husband of a beloved deceased wife came to see her bust. "Look at it well," said the sculptor, "and as it is only in clay I can alter it if necessary."

The widower looked at it carefully with the most tender interest. "It is her very self," he said. "Her large nose—the sign of goodness!" Then, bursting into tears, he added: "She was so good! Make the nose a little larger!"—Lippincott's.

## Perquisites.

Hy Whittlesticks (perched on a barrel in Dupuy's store, munching a cracker and reaching for a piece of cheese)—I do think that if that thar Andy Carniggy 'ud give our town a lib'ry it 'ud become right smart pop'lar with th' boys. Don't you think so, Cy?

Cy Dupuy—I cal'late would—providin' he kept it right well supplied with crackers and cheese.

Character's strength is not in doing what a self-will would have us do, but what the conscience dictates is our duty.—Royston.